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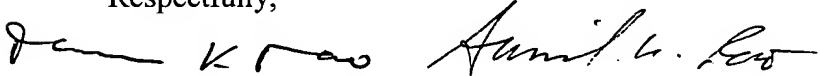
Reference: Application Number 10/644,276. Filed 8/20/2003  
Telephone conversation with Mrs. Robinson in the Office of Initial Patent Examination,  
on 5/10/05 at 11:15AM PST.

Dear Sir,

Attached is a communication that I sent to the Office of Initial Patent Examination requesting status of my application. I am concerned that I have had no communication on this application for over 1.5 years.

I respectfully request that the application be accorded proper priority and processed expeditiously. I would appreciate a response from your office to this communication.

Respectfully,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Raman K. Rao' and the signature on the right is 'Sunil K. Rao'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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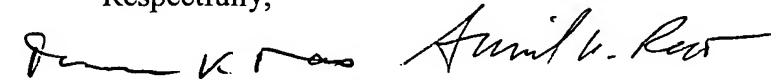
Dear Sir,

Today, I called the inventors assistance center to find out the status of my above referenced application about which I have had no communication at all from your office since 11/12/2003. I talked with a Mrs. Robinson in your office today [5/10/05 at 11:15 AM PST], who was surprised to see that the application is still at the initial stage and has not moved at all. She indicated that she will e-mail the relevant group in your office and get this moving.

To my knowledge, I have provided the information required in a timely manner, including all the missing parts, paid the fees and I am waiting my turn for the application to be examined. The last message from your office was a notice to pay an additional fee of \$18 dated November 12, 2003. The payment was made by me by check on 11/14/2003 for which I have a postal receipt that states that your office received the communication on 11/17/2003. Since then, I have received no office communication from you. Today, I was surprised that my application has is still in your office and has not moved after over 1.5 years from its initial stage.

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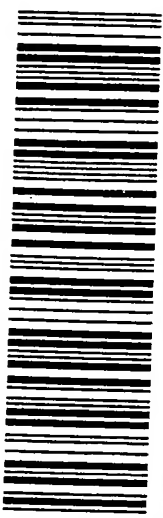
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